

wife and family who are here with me today in the gallery.

I come from a small town that Members will hear a lot about. It is a town called Chumuckla. It is a small rural community where the young people learn the difference from right and wrong, where even prior to September 11 there was a great respect for our men and women in uniform. I live in a community where men remove their caps when the National Anthem is played, and our people still bow their heads at local football games.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be the Congressman from the First Congressional District, and the promise that I made to the people back home upon my election was that I would work as hard as I could to be the best Congressman ever. All I can say, my wish tonight is that God would continue to bless and protect these United States of America.

INTRODUCTION OF STEPHEN F. LYNCH, NEW MEMBER FROM MASSACHUSETTS

(Mr. MARKEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and welcome STEPHEN LYNCH to the high office of United States Representative. I want my colleagues to know that we are welcoming into our midst a man who from day one embodies the history, the purpose and the mission of the people's House. He learned the value of hard work and pride and accomplishment by joining his father as an ironworker in Local Number 7. He learned the value of service from a mother who earned a living as a postal clerk.

He rose from the housing projects of South Boston to work his way through college and Boston College Law School. While "climbing iron," STEPHEN was elected the youngest president in the history of Ironworkers Local Number 7. He then served proudly in the Massachusetts State House representing South Boston, first in the State House of Representatives and then in the Massachusetts State Senate.

His combination of thoughtful listening and forceful leadership in the bubbling, boiling caldron of Massachusetts State politics has earned him the broad and deep respect of everyone with whom he has come into contact. Indeed, in this election he received the endorsement of the Boston Globe and the Boston Herald, a heretofore impossible task in Massachusetts politics.

The gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) is going to succeed Joe Moakley. STEPHEN has said if he could fill even one of Joe Moakley's big shoes, he would be happy to do that. It is a gracious remark that demonstrates the profound appreciation the gen-

tleman has for the work that Joe Moakley did here throughout his lifetime.

Joe Moakley in turn replaced John McCormack as the Congressman from South Boston. In electing STEVE, we have picked someone at this uncommon time with the talent and the courage which this country is going to need in order to surmount the challenges which face us in the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I give my colleagues the new, great Congressman from the city of Boston, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH).

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE AND THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

(Mr. LYNCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I thank Members for their courtesy, and I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) for the kind and generous introduction. I want to say I have much to be thankful for today. I thank God for the opportunity to serve here in the House of Representatives. I also want to thank my mom and dad, and my family, my five sisters, my wife, Margaret, my daughter, Victoria, and most of the congressional district that I represent that has followed me here today. I want to thank and recognize them.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the families of the 9th Congressional District of Massachusetts and my many supporters for allowing me this opportunity to represent them here in the House of Representatives; and I know that I follow in the shadow of a great man, Congressman Joe Moakley. No one misses him more than I do. He spoke so highly of this institution; and he had such great respect for every Member of this body, Republican and Democrat. I just know that coming in here, I have an awful lot of work to do to deserve my place, to earn my place, to serve beside my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, God bless everyone here, and God bless the United States of America.

MOMENT OF SILENCE TO HONOR POSTAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES

(Mr. WAMP asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, I think it would be appropriate tonight with this many Members present and with our new Members present and on the job, if we as a body, in a unified way, stood together for a moment of silence in memory of the Postal Service employ-

ees that have lost their lives; and in honor of all of the families and all of those U.S. Postal Service employees around the country that work for us day in and day out, that we would bow our heads as the United States Congress in their honor and in their memory and pray for our country at this time in our country's history. Please stand.

BIOTERRORISM ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

The SPEAKER. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 3160.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. TAUZIN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3160, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 15-minute vote followed by a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 419, nays 0, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 396]
YEAS—419

Abercrombie	Cardin	Etheridge
Ackerman	Carson (IN)	Evans
Aderholt	Carson (OK)	Everett
Akin	Castle	Farr
Allen	Chabot	Fattah
Andrews	Chambliss	Ferguson
Army	Clay	Filner
Baca	Clayton	Flake
Bachus	Clement	Fletcher
Baird	Clyburn	Foley
Baker	Coble	Forbes
Baldacci	Collins	Ford
Baldwin	Combest	Fossella
Barcia	Condit	Frank
Barr	Conyers	Frelinghuysen
Barrett	Cooksey	Frost
Bartlett	Costello	Gallegly
Barton	Cox	Ganske
Bass	Coyne	Gekas
Becerra	Cramer	Gephardt
Bentsen	Crane	Gibbons
Bereuter	Crenshaw	Gilchrest
Berkley	Crowley	Gillmor
Berman	Culberson	Gilman
Berry	Cummings	Gonzalez
Biggert	Cunningham	Goode
Bishop	Davis (CA)	Goodlatte
Blagojevich	Davis (FL)	Gordon
Blumenauer	Davis, Jo Ann	Goss
Blunt	Davis, Tom	Graham
Boehlert	Deal	Granger
Boehner	DeFazio	Graves
Bonilla	DeGette	Green (TX)
Bonior	Delahunt	Green (WI)
Bono	DeLauro	Greenwood
Borski	DeLay	Grucci
Boswell	DeMint	Gutierrez
Boucher	Deutsch	Gutknecht
Boyd	Diaz-Balart	Hall (OH)
Brady (PA)	Dicks	Hall (TX)
Brady (TX)	Dingell	Hansen
Brown (FL)	Doggett	Harman
Brown (OH)	Dooley	Hart
Brown (SC)	Doolittle	Hastings (FL)
Bryant	Doyle	Hastings (WA)
Burr	Dreier	Hayes
Buyer	Duncan	Hayworth
Callahan	Dunn	Hefley
Calvert	Edwards	Herger
Camp	Ehlers	Hill
Cannon	Ehrlich	Hilleary
Cantor	Emerson	Hilliard
Capito	Engel	Hinchey
Capps	English	Hinojosa
Capuano	Eshoo	Hobson